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Send the Subversives Back Home

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A couple of weeks back, I learned from an official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that there are at least 1,500 Communist spies operating freely in the United States—moving around as they please, observing almost anything they want to see anywhere in America.

This does not include the Soviet personnel at the United Nations in New York, most of whom are acknowledged to have capability in the field of espionage and subversion. I am informed that the Soviets have more than 500 officials at the U.N.

After rechecking my information to be sure it was accurate, I felt that I should make it available to the White House. I met with an assistant to the President. I told him that the FBI knows who the spies are, where they are, and generally what they are doing. But the FBI has absolutely no authority to do anything about it!

My suggestion to President Carter's assistant was that every known spy should be sent back to Russia immediately. The President's man seemed quite interested. But, to date, no move has been made by the Carter Administration to get rid of the KGB agents and other subversives.

A number of years ago, when the political decision was made in Washington to permit Soviet "consulates" in several cities of the United States, the then-director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, warned that each of these of-

fices would be used by the Communists as "a haven for spies."

I recall the ridicule that was heaped upon the late Mr. Hoover at the time. A number of editors of liberal newspapers around the country accused Mr. Hoover of "seeing a Communist under every bed." Not so. He knew how Communists operate.

So, Mr. Hoover was correct. The question now is: What will President Carter and his advisers do? I continue to believe that every foreign agent engaged in subversion should be sent home—now.